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Excitement Abounds at Annual Barrel Bash at U of M Crookston, on Sun., May 6, 2007

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Join the excitement as the U of M, Crookston (UMC) Rodeo Association holds its final barrel bash of the season on Sunday, May, 6, 2007, in the arena located in the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC) just north of the campus. Activities begin at 11 a.m. with an exhibition.

Entry fees are \$10 for the youth classes and \$20 for the open classes. Everyone is encouraged to come and watch the competition; there is no admission charge.

"The barrel races are great for beginning to experienced riders. There are different divisions so everyone has a fair chance," said Heather Schiele, president of the UMC Rodeo Association. "We hope to see a lot of youth at the competition because we are giving away four buckles."

The May 6 jackpot is the sixth time the Rodeo Association has hosted the competition. The event provides an opportunity for members of the UMC community, as well as the community at large, to compete for recognition, prize money and buckles.

Past events have been very successful, and members of the UMC Rodeo Association expect the upcoming event to live up to this tradition of excellence.

"Since we began hosting the barrel races they have grown each year, its great to see the familiar faces along with the new ones," said Danielle Hannon, member of the UMC Rodeo Association.

For more information on the Rodeo Association's Barrel Bash or the equine science program at the U of M, Crookston, contact Amy Lubarski in the agriculture department at 218-281-8101 (lubarski@umn.edu).

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